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SUBJECT: ECONADS: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM

REF: (A)USNATO 5148, (B)STATE 132190

1. ECONADS CHAIRMAN BILLY USED AGENDA POINT III
AT MAY 25 MEETING (REF A) ONLY TO SOLICIT VIEWS
OF ALLIES ON 78-79 WORK PROGRAM RATHER THAN TO
INTRODUCE CONCRETE PROPOSALS. AT REQUEST OF CANADIAN
REP (WHO JOINED COMMITTEE FAIRLY RECENTLY) DIRECTORATE
WILL CIRCULATE A LIST OF REPORT TOPICS AND REINFORCED
MEETINGS WHICH HAVE MADE UP A REGULAR PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S
PROGRAM (E.G., BIENNIAL MEETINGS ON COMMUNIST AID/
TRADE WITH LDCS AND OF HEADS OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE,
ANNUAL REVIEWS OF SOVIET AND EE CONOMIES, SOVIET
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, ETC.)

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2. WE WILL SUBMIT THIS LIST WHEN RECEIVED. ALWAYS
RECOGNIZING THAT THE US, WITH ITS GREATER COLLECTION
AND ANALYTICAL RESOURCES WILL TREND TO GIVE MORE
THAN IT RECEIVES IN TERMS OF DIRECT INFORMATION VALUE,
AND NOTING THAT SOME OF THESE "REGULAR" TOPICS MAY BE
OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO CERTAIN OF THE ALLIES, WE
ASSUME WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL WANT TO REVIEW THE LIST

FROM A "ZERO BASE" STANDPOINT, AND AUTHORIZE US TO EXPLORE WITH THE COMMITTEE THE CANCELLATION OF THOSE WHICH SEEM TO OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS, OR WHICH ARE DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO NEW, OR AD HOC TOPICS FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR REINFORCED MEETINGS, WE WOULD WELCOME RECEIVING A PRIORITIZED LIST OF SUGGESTIONS. DURING THE BRIEF MAY 25 DISCUSSION, BILLY POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE THEMES SUGGESTED FOR THE 1979 COLLOQUIUM APPEARING IN ED/EC/78/37 (EXTRACTED IN USNATO 5183 MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR REINFORCED MEETINGS IF NOT SELECTED FOR THE COLLOQUIUM.

4. WE USED THIS AGENDA ITEM TO MAKE POINTS IN PARA 1 AND 2 OF REF BE WITH RESPECT TO JUNE 15-16 REINFORCED MEETING ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. (NOTE: AUBERGE ST. MICHEL RESERVATIONS MADE FOR US EXPERTS AS REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE TRAVEL INFORMATION SOONEST). GLITMAN

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